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3rd SOS activates

The 16th Special Operations Wing activates the 3rd Special Operations Squadron today at Creech Air Force Base, Nev.

Lt. Col. Gary McCollum, took charge as the 3rd SOS commander.

The squadron will operate the MQ-1 Predator.

"The 3rd SOS Airmen and their MQ-1 Predator capability provide joint special operations forces with an advanced, integrated capability to find, fix and finish terrorists," said Col. Norman Brozenick Jr., 16th SOW commander. "The 16th SOW is entrusting its Air Commando heritage with Colonel McCollum and the 3rd SOS. We are honored and thrilled to stand with the 3rd SOS as a full up partner with 'Team Nellis' and the Las Vegas community."

Daylight savings

Remember to set your clocks back a hour at 2 a.m. Sunday for daylight savings time



'Night Eyes' class gives doctors a look into night vision
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Court-martial

Another Airman pleads guilty to using drugs and receives punishment
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Weekend Forecast

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 83, Low 54 Partly cloudy	High 79, Low 52 Partly cloudy	High 77, Low 50 Partly cloudy

Exercise

Team Hurlburt prepares Army for Afghanistan

By 1st Lt. Nathan Broshear
505th CCW Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field Airmen helped prepare the Army's 10th Mountain Division for their upcoming rotation to Afghanistan during exercise Unified Endeavor 2006, last week at Fort Drum, N.Y.

During UE 2006, Soldiers reacted to the an air tasking order simulated by the Air Operations Center at the 505th Command and Control Wing.

The Joint Exercise Control Group, whose members kept the storyline and exercise direction on track, was based at the Joint Warfighting Center in Suffolk, Va.

UE 2006 was the first time planners incorporated the Air and Space Component Coordination Element concept into an operational-level exercise.

The ACCE is a new way of coordinating air assets with the ground forces — with general officers leading the initiative.

Previously, general officers were used as subject-matter experts, but during UE 2006 Brig. Gen. Rudy Wright, Air Combat Command director of intelligence, acted as the ACCE director.

Under the ACCE concept, a forward-deployed liaison team represents the Joint Forces Air Component Commander, while working face-to-face with the Combined Joint Task Force staff, ensuring the right mix of air and space capabilities.

The exercise was spon-



Photos by Senior Airman Stephen Otero

Air Combat Command director of intelligence, goes over a portion of a simulated air campaign with 10th Mountain Division director of operations, in the Joint Operations Center at Fort Drum, N.Y. during exercise Unified Endeavor 2006.

sored by U.S. Joint Forces Command and supported by members of Air Force Special Operations Command, ACC and Air Mobility Command.

The simulation tasked Joint Operations Center per-



An Afghan American, negotiates with Army personnel to prepare them for a deployment.

sonnel to coordinate forces with the on-going ground campaign. In addition, senior leaders must work with NATO, coalition, Afghan and non-governmental organizations during each phase of operations.

"In theater, the Army will have to work with an AOC thousands of miles away," explained Lt. Col. John Morehead, 505th Exercise Control Squadron commander. "We're able to replicate the AOC and the entire air tasking order from Hurlburt, so it appears in the JOC as if it's taking place over Afghanistan."

Maj. Joe DeCaro, AFSOC operations center rescue division chief, and Maj. Steve Kelly, Combat Search and Rescue Command and Control Element division chief, also had a significant role in UE 2006 as the "white cell," or exercise controllers,

for search-and-rescue operations.

Major DeCaro stressed the importance of personal relationships and understanding each service's role.

"We replicate the search-and-rescue cell that the CJTF would have to work with in order to evacuate personnel or recover a downed aircrew," he said. "The challenge for participants is to learn how to accomplish these tasks by working with different people and organizations."

Hurlburt Field trained Tactical Air Control Parties also helped to control airpower inside the joint operations center. Lt. Col. Todd Serres, 21st Air Support Operations Squadron commander, and Senior Airman Cody Quinn, tactical command and control specialist

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Viewpoints

Warrior words wanted: Action, Installation Climate Survey

By Col. Norman Brozenick Jr.
16th SOW commander

We can't change the weather, but we sure can change the climate in which we pursue our Aimpoints.

It's all about communication – and action – up and down, left to right, front to back, top to bottom...and bottom to top.

So here's your chance. I need you to fill out the 16th Special Operations Wing Installation Climate Assessment survey, so we

can fully understand your concerns and appropriately act on your recommendations.

We must understand the climate that shapes our successes and forecasts failures. I need your help spotlighting the good, the bad and the other things that just plain old need to be fixed.

Tell me about your leadership; job environment; motivation, pride and recognition; peer relationships; freedom to address concerns openly; and perspective on zero tolerance

issues such as sexual harassment, discrimination, and favoritism.

I'm listening.

We must build ways ahead that posture our Air Commandos and our combat wing for success. Help me plan and execute new ways to take best care of our uniformed and civilian wingmen and our families.

Make recommendations on how to improve personal leadership, professional relationships, workplaces, recognition programs, community facilities, communication channels, etc.

I'm ready to act.

So what's the difference between this assessment and unit-level counter-parts?

This installation assessment measures the climate of the entire 16 SOW vice unit assessments that focus on a particular squadron. The survey is one tool used to help characterize the climate.

How long will the survey take? It's up to you – minutes if that's what you want. The survey is built

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Why do our enemies fear us?

By Col. John Cooper
16th MXG commander

Date: March 2004, location: an Army post somewhere far away from the safety of America, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

MC-130H Talon II aircraft had been flying tough logistic re-supply missions for months.

The base was in hostile territory and had been completely cut off from any type of ground support, due to heavy snows.

Almost every night our aircrews landed at locations deemed "too tough" for other aircraft. Mushy mixtures of ice, snow and mud made life

difficult. Each night they brought essential food, gas and water to our Army brethren. Supplies were low, but adequate. A few day's left, the Talons kept on delivering.

Back at the expeditionary operation group, maintenance crews climbed all over Talons, which had just returned from making deliveries.

A crew chief is climbing through the nose wheel performing a basic post flight inspection.

It's cold, icy and dark as a coalmine. But, he has to get this inspection done and cleaned up so it can deliver the critical supplies again tomorrow night. That's when he spots it.

The landing gear support brackets are damaged...problem.

We don't normally replace these, he thinks.

It's a complicated, forged piece of metal.

He tells his chief. The chief looks at the other aircraft. Bigger problem – the other aircraft's bracket is also cracked. Months of landing on unimproved airfields at near maximum weight had taken its toll. The supply section looks and searches, but find there are no support brackets to be found in the entire Air Force. Three thousand miles away, the Joint Special Operations Air Component receives word and gets to work.

A conference call is made back to the 16th Special Operations Wing. Squadron maintainers and depot engineers begin evaluating the situation.

The verdict – the aircraft can't fly a

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New personnel system's final regulations sent to Congress

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON

Ending a nearly two-year process, the Department of Defense has presented the final National Security Personnel System regulation to Congress.

Acting Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England said at a Pentagon news conference Wednesday that Congress has 30 days to review the final regulations.

The regulations will take effect Nov. 25. The changes ultimately will affect 650,000 of the 750,000 DOD civilian employees.

Once adopted, the labor-relations portion of the system will take effect imme-

diately. "The human resources portion – the new pay bands, the pay-for-performance system, etc. – is scheduled to progressively begin in February," Mr. England said.

Some 60,000 employees are in the first group, or "spiral," to come under the new program, officials said.

But, human resources officials will be deliberate in how the program goes, Mr. England said. In fact, the system will go through a six-month "mock period" before becoming effective.

"That is, at the end of six months, we will evaluate," Mr. England said. "We will act as if this was for real, but it will be a mock exercise in terms of the results that we can learn."

During the mock period, DOD employees will receive pay raises as in the past. It isn't until January 2007 that the pay-for-performance portion of the system kicks in for real, officials said.

"So, we have all of next year to implement the system before it really counts," Mr. England said. "And, we will then progressively put people in, and each time learn from those experiences and improve the system."

The deputy secretary said that if problems arise, DOD will halt the program and adjust it.

"We want the system to work right for everyone," he said.

Setting up the system is enormously complicated,

said Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the system.

Training is a large part of the system, and DOD has been training human resources people and supervisors how the system should work.

"It also involves the training of line managers who are actually going to operate the system and have an increased role in the system than they've had in the past in making determinations and decisions, as well as every employee," Ms. Lacey said.

All DOD employees will receive training in the system, Ms. Lacey said.

The final regulations may be downloaded from the NSPS Web site at www.cpmis.osd.mil/nsps.

16th SOW Aimpoints

- Fight and win
- Take best care of our wingmen, families and resources
- Become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders

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The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to the base commander for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the COMMANDO. Other questions will be answered by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give the commander a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.

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DUI Tracker



Oct. 21-27: 1 DUI
This year: 21
DUIs for 2004: 42
Last DUI: 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Oct. 22
Days since last DUI:
16th OG...25
16th MXG...5
16th MSG...118
16th MDG...302
Totals are current as of Oct. 27.
Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844
Potential saves this year: 540

Honing 720th STG combat skills

Marines invade Hurlburt to teach martial arts course

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
16th SOW Public Affairs

Beaten, bloodied and loving it.

It's the best way to describe the 20 Special Operators who gathered at the 720th Special Tactics Group to hone their hand-to-hand combat skills.

Airmen from Air Force Special Operations Command units around the world came here to learn from three of the Marines' best martial arts instructors.

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program combines 10 separate forms of martial arts into a four-fighting discipline to sharpen the mind and body: unarmed combat, edged weapons, weapons of opportunity, and rifle and bayonet.

"These techniques can save lives," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Shane West, MCMAP visiting lead instructor. "I also can assure any commanding officer that his unit will benefit from its members completing this course. They will be more capable in any combat situation and more disciplined in their daily activities."

The MCMAP is a blend of disciplines including judo, karate, jujitsu, and bayonet and knife-fighting techniques. The program enhances the physical conditioning and self-defense movements of the Special

Tactics Airmen and support personnel, which could potentially save their lives when deployed.

"The fighting styles these Airmen are learning here today give them more options than the use of deadly force," said Col. (Dr.) James Wright, 720th STG group surgeon.

He added, "...in many situations, we are dealing with individuals who are not the enemy per se, but circumstances have created a con-

frontational situation."

A lieutenant with a Special Operations weather team echoed Colonel Wright's sentiment.

"I have put more tools in the box that might just keep my team and I safe," he said.

The Marine Corps implemented MCMAP across the corps in 2000.

The goal was to improve war-fighting capabilities, enhance self-confidence and esprit de corps and further instill a warrior ethos.



Photo by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp
Two Special Operators from the 720th Special Tactics Group perform Marine martial arts techniques during their evaluation.



Photo by Jamie Haig

A captain, 59th Aerospace Medical Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, is shown the proper wear of night vision goggles during the "Night Eyes" Vision Course Oct. 21 at the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron.

'Night Eyes' helps unit 'see' successes in dark

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
16th SOW Public Affairs

Optometrists from the Air Force and the Navy came to the 16th Medical Group to attend the Air Force Special Operations Command "Night Eyes" Vision Course, Oct. 17-21.

The course was designed to introduce and enhance joint optometry officers' knowledge of air and ground operations in the night-vision environment.

Optometrists who complete the course are more prepared to treat night-vision goggle users and the possible vision health concerns they might have for both aviation and ground forces personnel.

"Vision is one of the most important aspects of flying," said Air Force optometrist and former Army aviator Maj. (Dr.) Benjamin Franklin, course facilitator.

"Any time we, health care

providers, can put ourselves in a better position to treat our patients, it will, in the long run, lead to greater mission effectiveness," Major Franklin said.

Doctors spent time in the classroom reviewing the latest research and examining equipment. However, the real learning came when the optometrists flew with the 20th Special Operations Squadron aircrews. They got to use the equipment and discuss the positive and negative aspects of its use with experienced crew members.

"My guard unit back home is changing aircraft, and many of the aircrews have never used night vision goggles before now," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Dennis Els, 126th Medical Group (Air National Guard), Scott Air Force, Ill. "After what I learned this week, I am more prepared to treat the problems my patients are likely to have."

Dereliction of duty, drug use send Airman to six months confinement

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
16th SOW Public Affairs

An Airman from the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron pleaded guilty to a myriad of crimes at a general court-martial here, Oct. 18.

A panel of six officers sentenced Airman 1st Class Amber Savoy to reduction in grade to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowance, confinement for six months and a bad conduct discharge.

In an unusual statement, the panel did request on the record, that if possible, Airman Savoy receive treatment for a diagnosed borderline personality disorder and depression while she serves her sentence.

Airman Savoy pleaded guilty to unlawful use of both marijuana and cocaine – a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Airman Savoy was observed by fellow Airmen using marijuana with several civilians at party she attended off base. She provided a urine sample

after being confronted by investigators from the Hurlburt Field Air Force Office of Special Investigations. That urine sample tested positive for cocaine metabolites. She admitted to using the drug after being presented the urinalysis results. She also pleaded guilty for failure to go – a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ. Airman Savoy failed to report to work or return from appointments on several occasions while awaiting trial. This along with her voicing suicidal thoughts resulted in her being held in

pretrial confinement for 49 days.

Airman Savoy's final guilty plea resulted from an underage drinking incident – a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ. The panel could have sentenced her to more than seven years confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge.

"I hope that all Hurlburt Field Airman realize that consequences for drug use are steep," said Capt. Christian Butler, 16th Special Operations Wing trial attorney.

Behind the Badge: Security forces encounter DUI, reckless driving, fugitives, assault

By Tech. Sgt.
Parrish Hollingsworth
16th SFS Police Services

Unsecured property

A mem wife contacted the 16th Security Forces Squadron to report missing personal property.

While cleaning her residence, she removed her wedding ring and placed it on her nightstand in the bedroom. Movers arrived to pack the household belongings.

When she returned to get the ring, she noticed it was missing. The approximate value of the missing property is \$1,500.

911 call

Security forces received a 911 call from a civilian who was driving a military member home from an off-base establishment and needed assistance in the visitor center parking lot.

When security forces arrived, the civilian told them that while pulling into the visitor center park-

ing lot, the service member exited the vehicle when the vehicle was still in motion.

After the vehicle was parked, the service member ran up behind the vehicle and punched a hole in the back window. The service member was apprehended and after processing was released to his first sergeant.

Reckless driving

A Hurlburt Field Airman was apprehended off base for willful and wanton reckless driving. The Airman was caught driving 75 mph in a 40-mph zone. The Airman was arrested, transported to the Okaloosa County Jail and released on a signature bond.

Aggravated assault

A Hurlburt Field Airman was apprehended off base for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The Airman was removed from a local club after being declared drunk and disorderly. He then went to his

truck and retrieved a home-made weapon, which he began swinging at the club staff. The Airman was arrested and taken to the Okaloosa County Jail to await a court date.

Drunken driving

A security forces patrol witnessed a vehicle run a stop light and initiated a traffic stop. The patrolman detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the driver.

The driver consented to perform a standard field sobriety test and failed.

The driver was apprehended, transported to the Security Forces Control Center for further processing and later released to his first sergeant. The Airman's vehicle was towed from the installation.

Fugitive arrested

A civilian contractor working on Hurlburt Field was arrested by the U.S. Marshals North Florida Violent Fugitive Task Force and security forces. The

civilian was wanted in Alabama for sexual assault of a child under age 12 while armed with a weapon.

When approached by security forces, the subject fled his job site on foot and was tracked by a military working dog to a restroom in Burger King.

Custody of the subject was transferred to U.S. Marshals.

Did you know?

Low-beam headlights must be used anytime rain, smoke, fog, insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions reduce visibility to a degree whereby persons or vehicles are not clearly visible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead.

Only parking lights may be used when approaching any base gates. Reference *Air Force Instruction 31-204, Hurlburt Field Supplement 1.*

Help wanted

If you have any information concerning a crime, call the SFCC at 884-7777.



Marine photo by Lance Cpl. Cathryn Lindsay
Lance Cpl. Joshua Smith (left) tries to push Lance Cpl. Jonathon Tufo off him during water grappling at a Camp Schwab beach Oct. 11.

Brothers In Arms

Army

BAGHDAD – Monday evening's suicide blasts in downtown Baghdad could have had a more devastating impact had it not been for the quick actions of Spc. Darrell Green. Green, 38, from the 3rd Infantry Division, was pulling night guard duty at the Sheraton Hotel when he heard the first of three explosions. When he spotted a cement truck barreling towards the hotel and a barrier, he shot at the truck, causing it to stop and explode.

Marines

CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA, Japan – More than 500 Marines and Sailors with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing completed the first phase of a two-phase training exercise Oct. 20 at the Ie Shima island Marine Corps training grounds, located off Okinawa's northwestern coast. Units from Marine Air Group 36, Marine Air Control Group 18 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 practiced and refined air support, air control and defense, and ground support.

Navy

KARACHI, Pakistan – Karachi welcomed the return of the *USS Pearl Harbor* Monday as it pulled into the port city for the second time this week, carrying 140 tons of relief supplies destined for the earthquake-devastated region of northern Pakistan.

Hurlburt digs deep for dough

CFC contributions exceed last year's third week total

By Jamie Haig
16th SOW Public Affairs

It's only the third week of the Combined Federal Campaign, and contributions have flooded in.

If the flow continues, Hurlburt Field's contribution could exceed \$400,000.

As of Oct. 21, the base has pledged or contributed \$201,200 with a 16 percent-participation rate. The ultimate goal is 40-percent participation basewide and 100 percent contact, said Capt. Chris Lardner, installation CFC project officer.

"We're off to a good start," Captain Lardner said. "We're ahead of last year's figures."

There's a variety of ways to contribute – cash, check or payroll deductions – and four levels of contributions. The levels are based on hours of pay per month given, and each level includes a different prize as added incentive.

The contribution is tax-deductible and is controlled at a local level by local agencies. Payroll deductions can be spread out throughout the entire year.

Eagle-level donations

Eagle level equals one hour of pay per month and givers receive a keychain; Super Eagle is one and a half hours of pay per month and contributors receive an embroidered baseball cap. The Top Eagle is equal to three hours of pay per month and participants receive a porcelain eagle. The Top Eagle Plus is four hours of pay per month, and givers receive the porcelain eagle and the embroidered baseball cap.

The mid-campaign rally will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the mini-mall food court. The event is to thank the event coordinators and key workers and to give the base an update on progress.

The CFC campaign supports a variety of health, human and other services provided by more than 1,700 charitable agencies.

For more information on how to contribute, call your squadron representative or visit www.cfc.cybertron.com.



Lt. Benjamin Foulois

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

Oct. 23, 1909 – Lt. Benjamin Foulois took his first flying lesson from Wilbur Wright.

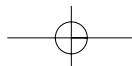
Oct. 24, 1964 – A new rescue method to snatch personnel from land or sea by aircraft was announced.

Oct. 25, 1942 – American bombers raided Japanese-occupied Hong Kong for the first time.

Oct. 27, 1970 – Doctors at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, developed a new device to save suffocating infants. Costing only about \$1,000 and built from various standard hospital components, the device helps newborn babies breathe.

Oct. 28, 1924 – Army planes broke up a cloud formation with electrified sand.

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worked to interpret orders from the AOC to Soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division.

"Tactical Air Control Party Airmen are vital to the Army," said Airman Quinn. "We're on the battlefield and in the headquarters to make sure bombs are on target to stop the enemy, but most importantly, TACPs keep the good guys safe."

Hurlburt Airmen are returning to work fulfilled.

"Even though it's a model or simulation, this is exciting," said Colonel Morehead. "Often with training we don't get to see the end product of our efforts, but in this case I know that we're having a direct impact on this unit's mission readiness."

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tions designed to address key areas that are critical to the individual success of our people and the team success of this wing.

You're also encouraged to provide written feedback

regarding these questions – or anything else you desire.

When will the survey be available? The ICA will officially begin Monday and conclude on Nov. 18. My staff will soon begin e-mailing a one-page memo to 5,000 members of the 16th SOW.

The memo includes

instructions that will vector you toward the survey Web site and include a password.

Is this really another way to help fight and win? Take best care of our wingmen, families, and resources? Grow the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders?

Yes. A warrior's words matter. Speak so I can hear. Yet a warrior's deeds speak louder than words.

So let's build and action ways ahead that matter – you and me, together. Shape our climate.

Boot up, log on and fill out the survey.

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single mission until the bracket is replaced. With no parts available Air Force-wide, metal shop technicians step in... "get us approval, and we can make that part."

With that challenge, the 16th SOW kicks into high gear. Depot engineers cut through mounds of red tape to receive authorization from Air Force Material Command to locally manufacture the part.

The entire sequence, from identifying the broken part, getting approval, fabri-

cating the part, delivering it 8,000 miles away, receiving and repairing the aircraft took only 96 hours.

Why does the enemy fear us? I believe they fear us because of our men and women in uniform. Men and women who weren't drafted – not made to serve. They stepped up for love of country, knowing they could be placed in harm's way. The enemy sees that we're going to fight and going to win for our country.

They fear us because they see people who volunteered to protect America, these Airmen, who will find a

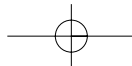
cracked part, in a wheel well, in the dark, in a combat zone 8,000 miles away from friends and family.

They see these Commandos who won't stop until the task is done. There are hundreds of stories just like this throughout Team Hurlburt from organizations like security forces, civil engineering, mission support and special tactics.

Some Commandos pull a trigger, some Commandos fly over hostile territory, and some Commandos make parts and fix aircraft. But, every Commando fights to win.

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Purposeful picnic: 'C.A.R.E. on the Road' draws crowd with games, food

Photo by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp
16th SOW Public Affairs

It looked like a picnic Oct. 21 with more than 100 people congregating on the patch of grass between the Live Oak and Pine Meadow housing areas.

In reality, it was an outreach event by the Commando Agencies Reaching Everyone program.

From 4 to 6 p.m. that afternoon, C.A.R.E. representatives from the family support center, 16th Medical Group, Hurlburt Spouses Club and 16th Services Squadron cooked hot dogs, manned tables with information and provided activities for housing residents.

The food and children's activities were a successful lure for housing residents.

"I saw the sign for food and fun," said Rebecca Saldana, spouse of Senior Airman Juan Saldana Jr., 16th Civil Engineer Squadron. "I thought they should do it more often," she said.

Called "C.A.R.E. on the Road," the picnic with a purpose isn't a new program.

"This event is an outreach to new families who moved in over the summer," said Debby Lundblad, FSC community readiness consultant. "We missed last year due to (Hurricane) Ivan."

She explained that the event in Live Oak was the third of the week – there were similar events held in the Commando Village and Soundside housing areas as well.

"We use it to reach out to new residents and remind old ones of services available," Ms. Lundblad said.

While adults perused the tables or caught up with one another, children made crowns at the base library table as part of the "Kingdom of Read" pro-



Photo by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp
A staff sergeant, 16th Mission Support Squadron, watches her daughter, attack hot dogs Oct. 21 at the Commando Agencies Reaching Everyone picnic.

gram or played in the grass.

"I was looking forward to bringing my daughter. She gets bored being at home all the time," said Flori Pederson, wife of Staff Sgt. Jason Pederson, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron.

"I got to see old friends, neighbors and the programs my teenagers need to know about," Sergeant Pederson said.

Be on lookout for suspicious activities

Military members and their families should be aware of suspicious activities and contact authorities when necessary.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations Eagle Eyes Program places suspicious activity in the following categories:

Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities.

Elicitation: People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

Tests of security: Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

Acquiring supplies: Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, detonators, timers, etc. It also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

Suspicious persons out of place: People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else.

Dry run: Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.

Deploying assets: People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

Editor's Note: Information provided by the Eagle Eyes Program Web site at http://public.afosi.af.mil/eagle/suspicious_behavior.asp.

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Poker run a success

120 Sentinels of Freedom riders raise more than \$1,600 for charity

**By Tech. Sgt.
Damian Spaits
6th SOS**

Hurlburt Field's motorcycle club, the Sentinels of Freedom, raised more than \$1,600 during a poker run Oct. 15 for Brilliant Minds of Destin and the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

More than 120 motorcycle riders participated.

Staff Sgt. Dan Rivas, club president, said planning for the poker run began almost eight months ago.

"We wanted to do the poker run to raise money for Brilliant Minds of Destin," he said. "As a local charity, they don't have all the support the national organizations do, and they're right here in our back yard helping children of fellow military members.

SOF members presented Dr. Ana Leurinda, medical director for Brilliant Minds, with a check for \$1,061.

Due to the mass destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, the club added the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund as an additional recipient. Karen Dugre of the Eglin/Hurlburt Red Cross office was presented a check for \$530.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Stear was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. After receiving the \$130 prize, he donated his winnings to both charities.

Some of the participants in

the poker run were from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina as well.

Fred and Carol Fenn evacuated to Destin from Baton Rouge, La. This was their first ever poker run, and they were more than happy to help those in need.

Mr. Fenn, who flew KC-135's in Vietnam, said, "I think it's great that we can help out the children of Brilliant Minds and the Katrina victims while doing something we love - riding motorcycles!"

The Sentinels of Freedom was established several years ago in response to the rising number of motorcycle fatalities of Air Force members. The organization was created to establish and maintain a spirit of camaraderie and esprit de corps that will enhance the prestige and riding experience of all motorcycle riders, encourage ongoing rider education and skills development, increase public awareness and reduce motorcycle mishaps. Of the 580 registered motorcycle riders on Hurlburt Field, 130 of them are members of SOF.

The Sentinels of Freedom conducts lunch rides every Friday, leaving from the Soundside parking lot at 12:15 p.m., rain or shine. Additionally, there are rides on the first and third Saturday of the month. Anyone interested in joining SOF can visit www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/sentinels/.

Do your part to save energy

**By Jennifer Cooper
16th CES**

Many conserve energy without even realizing it.

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron worked behind the scenes and completed a \$2.7 million energy project in August 2005.

The project included retrofitting lights in 45 buildings, installing low flow toilets and faucets in 24 buildings, replacing pump motors in two buildings and constructing a \$1.3 million chiller

plant. This project increased the lighting quality in all the facilities and saved energy consumed. In addition, it provided new cooling equipment in two dorms, and the new fixtures are conserving more than 4,499 kilo gallons of potable water per year.

This project has an estimated savings of \$320,000 a year. The payback time is 12.5 years.

We're using the savings to pay for all of the work, plus reducing our base energy and water consumption.

'Star Wars' enthusiast Airman storms for charity

By Jamie Haig
16th SOW Public Affairs

Don't be surprised if you're out shopping and look up to see storm troopers coming your way.

Chances are, it's Staff Sgt. Robert Smith, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, raising money for children's charities.

"I grew up on 'Star Wars,'" said Sergeant Smith. "And it's great to be able to raise money for a good cause at the same time."

Sergeant Smith has been dressing as a storm trooper and for two years and has a collection of eight different outfits. He started out by surfing the Internet and found several other "Star Wars" fanatics.

"I met a group of people in Pensacola who have been doing this for years," said Sergeant Smith.

This group, named the 501st Legion, gets together to do charity work and appearances at different local film festivals, such as the Bay Area Film Festival and at movie theater premieres.

The outfits themselves are made by a group member in Pensacola. It takes anywhere from 20-80 hours to assemble one outfit. The cost has been making them for approximately six years. The cost is between \$400 for a storm trooper and up to \$3,500 for Darth Vader.

Sergeant Smith also attends events in costume just for fun. He and a fellow "trooper" worked the Hurlburt Field Sound of Independence celebration at the Soundside this past summer.

Encased completely in plastic in temperatures more than 90-degree temperatures, Sergeant Smith said it was a long four hours.

"There's no cooling system in the suit, and it's really tough to sit down," said Sergeant Smith. "But, the kids enjoyed seeing us dressed up."

But Halloween is a special time for the maintainer. He and his family visit local malls during this time of year to walk around and see people's reactions. He's equipped with a voice amplifier that enables him to speak in an altered voice.

"Our group was recognized by Lucas Films, and we were invited to attend an all 'Star Wars' event in New York City this fall," he said.

The group was invited, along with other "Star Wars" enthusiasts, to appear on national television morning shows, promoting the release of the latest DVD, said Sergeant Smith. The Lucas Films people anticipated more than 100 troopers to appear. Also, a theme park in central Florida has also invited them to work weekends at the park, walking around and amusing the visitors for free.

"We try to do fundraisers whenever possible," said Sergeant Smith. "I just love doing it, it's a great hobby."

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Operation Goblin: 16th SFS offers tips to keep Halloween trick-or-treaters safe

The 16th Security Forces Squadron is hosting its annual Operation Goblin 6 - 8 p.m. Monday.

Operation Goblin provides a safe environment for the children of the Hurlburt Field community to trick-or-treat.

The 16th SFS will have safety centers located at McMillan and Mayo Sts., Blessinger Dr. and Buege Boulevard and McIntosh Ct.

Personnel at the safety centers will be available to help with any situation which may arise. Additional security force members on foot, vehicle and bike patrols will be added to the already existing security.

Base housing members:

- Turn on exterior lights if you plan to give out candy
- Place jack-o-lanterns out of the reach of children
- Make sure nothing in your yard can trip trick-or-treaters
- Drive slowly and watch for

children crossing the streets

- Drive your children to housing areas that are far apart
- Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys, as treats to young children
- Try using make-up instead of masks. Masks make it hard for children to see
- Make sure costumes fit properly
- Put reflective tape on dark costumes
- Insist children carry a glow stick or flashlight
- Remind children not to enter strangers' houses or accept rides from strangers

Once home:

- Make sure all candy is properly sealed
- Ask your children how their night went
- Ask if anything happened that scared them or made them worry

Even though the biggest worries on Halloween night are lurking strangers and poisoned candy, the biggest cause of injury and death to kids that night is traffic accidents.

If you're driving, look out for kids running and crossing the street, and help children avoid busy roads and intersections.

Remember the speed limit in all housing areas is 15 mph.

If you would like to donate candy to be distributed at the safety centers, drop it off at the Security Forces building, 90603 or call Police Services at 884-6185.



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Hurlburt Happenings

Military

USAFSOS courses

The U.S. Special Operations School invites all Special Operators to attend the Introduction to Special Operations Course Nov. 7-10. This course provides military and civilian members with a joint understanding of Special Operation Forces, to include structure, assets, and capabilities.

For more in-formation on course content, call Master Sgt. Randy Kensey at 884-1881. For reservations, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731. Also, visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos>.

Olmsted program

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides the opportunity to study abroad, obtain a master's degree in a foreign language and gain an in-depth understanding of a foreign country.

The eligibility criteria for this program are contained in *Military Personnel Flight Memorandum 05-34*. Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center must receive applications no later than Nov. 18. Mail directly to:

HQ AFPC/DPAFE
550 C Street West, Suite 36
Randolph Air Force Base, TX
78150-4734

For more information, call (210) 565-2103 or visit: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/fdso/dpafe.htm.

Community

Rescinded order

Col. Norman Brozenick, Jr., 16th Special Operations Wing commander, has rescinded the order issued Sept. 2, which restricted travel following Hurricane Katrina, has been lifted.

Members are still required to let commanders know where they are and how they can be reached.

Additionally, members should be mindful of and have some plans for potential fuel shortage issues and should adhere to a two-person policy when entering heavily affected areas.

Traffic office

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron personal property and passenger travel element's new customer service hours for walk-in customers will be 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. effective Nov. 14.

Verbal orders will only be accepted for emergency short notice travel. For more information about personal property, call 884-6051 and for passenger travel, call 884-6619.



Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin Owen

Lunch?

Jessi Bustamante (center) of the Northwest Florida Zoo, shows Edie Harmon (left) and Becky Aldrich Sampson, the blue-tongued skink, during the October Hurlburt Spouses' Club luncheon Oct. 20.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group Pediatric clinic will close at noon today to move into a new clinic area. The clinic will reopen for business at 8 a.m. Monday.

The new clinic will be co-located with the optometry clinic and is located directly across from immunizations. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Rachael Colon at 881-5957 or Bridgitte Brahm at 881-3499.

CCAF graduation

A Community College of the Air Force commencement ceremony will be held at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 9 in the Soundside club. The education services office will be minimally manned 7:30 a.m. to noon to participate in the celebration. For more information, call 884-6724.

NCOA

Hurlburt Field's Commando Non-commissioned Officers Association Chapter 44 and Auxiliary 248 will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Saturday in J.R. Rockers' All Ranks Destination Room. Each member is requested to attend and bring a friend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-2695 or Charles Glotzbach at 884-1771.

Song-writing contest

The Dallas Songwriters Association announces the Songs from the Soul of Service song-writing contest open to and free for all active-duty military members. Entries will be accepted until Dec. 1. For more information, visit www.songssoulservice.org.

Club fees waived

Deployed Air Force club members' dues should be waived by the base, during deployment to a contingency location for 30 days or more, where there's no Air Force club, per *Air Force Instruction 34-272, para. 1.13.3*. Airmen should ask their organizational commander or first sergeant to notify the club when members are being deployed.

Members may also bring a copy of the orders to their customer service area of their clubs.

Angel tree

The Angel Tree Program kicks off at 1 p.m. Nov. 14 at the base exchange. Look for more information soon.

MyPay

MyPay is a Web-based program that puts individuals in control of their finances. By logging in using Social Security numbers and customized personal identification number, individuals have the ability to manage pay information, view and print leave-and-earnings statements, W2's and much more. Retirees and civil service employees can also view their pay. To access MyPay, visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. For more information, email Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Cross at jeffrey.cross@hurlburt.af.mil.

Haunted house

The 823rd RED HORSE Squadron will host its annual haunted house 6:30-10 p.m. today, Saturday and Monday. The first visit costs \$3 per person age 6 and older; children age 5 and under are free. Each visit thereafter is \$1. The haunted house is located in Building 91133.

Powwow

The 18th annual Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow will be held Nov. 4-6 at the Mullet Festival Grounds, located at the corner of U.S. Highway 85 and College Boulevard in Niceville. Children's day will kick off the weekend Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Exhibits and demonstrations from the Indian Temple Mound, Gulf Breeze Zoo, dancers and storytellers. The event is open to the public. Donations range from \$1 to \$2 per person.

Eglin spouses' club

Eglin officer's spouses' club luncheon will be held at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 16 at the Officers' club. For reservations, call Eileen Workman at 314-9755.

At the movies



Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 6 years old and up. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field – 884-7648

Friday, Sunday – The Transporter (PG-13)
Retired in Miami, ex-Special Forces operative, Frank, makes a living driving for the wealthy Billings family. He's a huge favorite with their two small boys, but when the kids are kidnapped and injected with a potentially fatal virus, Frank defies the FBI and works relentlessly to get the boys to safety and discover the kidnapper's master plan.

Saturday – The Man (PG-13) A case of mistaken identity forces Federal agent Derrick Vann and dental supply salesman Andy Fidler to team up as they speed through the streets of Detroit to pull off a sting operation and solve the murder of Vann's former partner.

Eglin – 882-1066

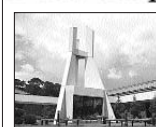
Friday – Just Like Heaven (PG-13) A San Franciscan man falls in love with a female spirit he encounters in his home. The dilemma is that the woman whose ghost he's swooning over has been in a coma for months, and, unless he does something, she'll be taken off life support.

Saturday – Cry Wolf (PG-13) The Liar's Club has spread an online rumor that a serial killer called "The Wolf" committed a recent murder and is planning to strike again. The group's descriptions of "The Wolf's" intended victims are based on the people they know best – each other. When the described "victims" suddenly start to disappear, the group is no longer able to determine where the lies end and the truth begins.

Sunday – Roll Bounce (PG-13) X and his friends, who rule their local rink, are shocked when their home base goes out of business. Heading over to the Sweetwater Roller Rink, they find their modest talents are, at first, no competition for their trick skaters and pretty girls who follow their every move.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

Base chapel



Catholic Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September – May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)

Religious Education: August – May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

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Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795.

Airman Against Drunk Driving



For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844. Don't drink and drive.

24-hour Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline:

Hurlburt Field – 884-6322
Air Force – (800) 538-8429
Department of Defense – (800) 424-9098

Send all article ideas to commando@hurlburt.af.mil

Commando Cruise-In

The annual Commando Cruise-In will be held 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday at the Soundside grounds. The event is free and open to the public.

This is a motorcycle, car and truck extravaganza. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to each vehicle category, and approximately \$800 in cash will be awarded for specialty categories.

Attendees of all ages are invited to dress up in costumes. Prizes will be awarded in different costume categories for children, adults and groups/families. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Vehicle registration forms, with details and entry costs, are available at: www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/cruisein.html. For more information, email charles.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil.

Fall focus

The Protestant Women of the base chapel will host the Fall Focus Fellowship, noon to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 5.

Come enjoy lunch and fellowship with other Hurlburt Field women. Child care will be provided. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Rose at 689-0227.

Star gaze

The base library hosts its annual Star Gaze 6:30 – 9 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Hurlburt Field picnic grounds.

Venus, the Andromeda Galaxy, the Ring Nebula, Pleiades and the moon's craters are a few of the items that will be visible through the telescopes from the Escambia Amateur Astronomers Club. For more information, call 884-6266.

Travel changes

The online travel reservation module in Defense Travel System will be down until further notice for

a system update. During this time, all airline, lodging and rental car reservations must be booked and ticketed by the Commercial Travel Office outside DTS, then manually entered. Enter the reservations expenses on the following screens in DTS:

Airlines – in the Travel module on the Other Trans. Screen.

Lodging – in the Additional Options module on the Per Diem Entitlements screen.

Rental Car (Commercial Auto) – in the Expenses module on the Non-Mileage screen.

Upon return from temporary duty, the member should enter the actual airline, lodging and rental car costs manually using the same steps as above. Any questions should be directed to your squadron/unit organizational defense travel administrator.

Filing household claims

The Hurlburt Field Claims Office strives to make the claims process as smooth and painless as possible when personal items become damaged or even lost during a permanent change of station.

The office is located on the second floor of Building 90210. To file a claim, have damaged or lost items annotated on *DD Form 1840/1840R* (pink form). Office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 884-1970.

Classes

OWCC

The women's educational resource center at Okaloosa-Walton College will host a free informational sessions for women who want to start college or explore career options.

Sessions are 1-3 p.m. Nov. 7, 21 and Dec. 5 at the OWC Niceville Campus in Building B or 9-11 a.m.,

Nov. 21, Dec. 5 at OWC Chautauqua Center.

To reserve a seat or for more information, call Pam Walters at 729-5291 or Sylvia Niedzwiecki at 729-5290.

Sports

Intramural cross country

The intramural cross-country season begins next month and will include a total of five races. The course lengths range from two to six miles. The current schedule is Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 16 and Jan. 6. Teams must have a least five runners. If a squadron doesn't have enough runners for a team, interested participants will be placed in a runners' pool.

Cross country is open to active-duty members and their dependents, Department of Defense civilian personnel and those on a temporary duty assignment here. For more information, call 884-6884.

Golf tournaments

The Stryder Cup Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be held at the Gator Lakes Golf Club Nov. 4. Check-in begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at noon. The entry fee is \$50 per person and includes green fees, a golf cart rental, goody bag and dinner. For dinner only, the cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call 881-2251.

Also, the Gator Lakes Golf Club is hosting a golf tournament Saturday and Sunday. Tee time is set at 7 a.m. Saturday, and the shot-gun starts at 7 a.m. Sunday. The cost is \$25 for Gator Lakes members, \$30 for Eglin Air Force Base members, \$40 for non-members and \$45 for guests. For more information, call 881-2251.

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Haunted experience

823rd RED HORSE Squadron opens annual haunted house for guests each weekend of October



Photos by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

Clockwise from top: A mother, 16th Services Squadron, and her son, wander through a creepy path in the haunted house. An Airman sits "lifeless" in an electric chair as bystanders pass by. A father and son visit the graveyard outside of the haunted house. A young boy holds tight to his mother after being scared by a Horseman dressed as a spooky character.

